

**TOWN OF VERNON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Approved Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2019, 7:00 P.M.**

Town Hall
14 Park Place, 3rd Floor
Council Chambers
Vernon, CT

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1. Call to Order and roll call

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Also present were Commission members James Simon and Jason Seacat

Members Absent: Richard Clark, Carlos Adamson

Staff Present: Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development
Kathleen Minor, Recording Secretary

2. Administrative Actions/Requests

2.1 Amendment(s) to Agenda, if any

- None

2.2 Acceptance of the Minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting

Jason Seacat presented a motion to accept the minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting as presented. James Simon seconded and the motioned carried unanimously.

2.3 Communications received not related to Agenda items, if any

- CT Land Conservation Council - donation request dated 6/24/19

2.4 Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month, if any

- None

2.5 Organizational considerations

- None

3. Open Space Program Update

- Nothing presented

4. New Business

4.1 Riffle Bioassessment by Volunteers (RBV)

Jason Seacat presented a motion that Vernon Conservation Commission sponsor the annual Riffle Bioassessment by Volunteers (RBV) scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2019 and that Tom Ouellette will be the designated representative for the commission and that the event will be added to the commission website. James Simon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4.2 Pending Planning & Zoning Applications:

Application **[PZ-2019-06]** of Steve Moser, Member of Dart Hill, LLC, for a Site Plan and Special Permits for parking, storage, distribution and office space for fundraising products at 670 Dart Hill Road (Assessor's ID: Map 04, Block 0004, Parcel 03A).

Application **[PZ-2019-07]** of the Town of Vernon's Planning & Zoning Commission by Shaun Gately, Staff Liaison, for a proposed Text Amendment to Zoning Regulations Section 17.1 Alcoholic Liquors.

Application **[PZ-2019-08]** of Rashid Hamid, President of Naek Construction Co., Inc., for a Zone Change from the SED Zone to the Planned Development Zone: Gerber Farm Area, for seven parcels: **291 Talcottville Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 09A), **293 Talcottville Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 09E), **26 Naek Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 008-8), **32 Naek Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 008-7), **37 Naek Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 008-4), **38 Naek Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 008-6), **46 Naek Rd.** (Assessor's ID: Map 03, Block 0004, Parcel 008-5).

Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development, gave an explanation and status of each Application.

4.3 Natural Resources

- Vernal Pools
 - Nothing discussed
- Bolton Lakes Issues (Written Summary provided by Martin Sitler)
 - Nothing presented
- Non-Point Source Pollution
 - James Simon summarized his research regarding road salt. He will send an email to the commission members regarding the resources he referenced.

Discussion ensued regarding how notifications regarding lake issues can be communicated to residents. Shaun Gately will research and report back to the commission.

5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion

5.1 Future Activities

- Riffle Bioassessment by Volunteers (RBV) on October 5, 2019
- Earth Day on April 22, 2020 – 50th Anniversary

5.2 Sustainable CT –

A) Submission update

Shaun Gately, Interim Director of Planning and Development, updated Commission on progress of submission.

B) Discussion of Tankerhoosen Watershed Management Plan

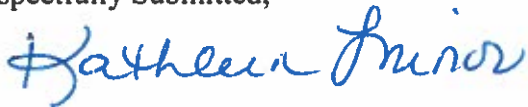
- Discussion ensued

Jason Seacat presented a motion that the Town of Vernon Conservation Commission affirms that the Tankerhoosen Watershed Management Plan completed in 2009 is still accurate and representative of the conditions that exist today. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Jason Seacat presented a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm. James Simon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathleen Minor
Recording Secretary